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Dear Sir:

We filed this application on January 27, 2004. We received the Official filing receipt dated June 18, 2004, and an updated filing receipt dated January 7, 2005. Since then we have had no further communication from the Patent and Trademark Office. Please advise when a substantive Office action can be expected for the above-identified application.

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